



Learning, playing and growing together in the love of Jesus

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th November 2022 - 35th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Autumn 2 Term

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Miss M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Miss F Sullivan, Mr S Pratsis & Miss E Bryant, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

A message from Mrs Hulme

Dear Parents and Carers,

May we take the opportunity to wish you all a lovely Advent as celebrations lead up to Christmas - the birthday of Our Lord. This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. We can already see many new lights appearing to recognise Jesus as Light of the World, hearing the Christmas carols makes the world feel better and helps us to refocus on things that are not negative - everyone deserves time for peaceful reflection.

Please see the dates and times for the music concerts and nativities, for most of them we will not be stating audience restrictions apart from the one being held in the infant school hall due to accommodation size.

We look forward to seeing you all in the next couple of weeks. The children in the junior school made us very proud as they demonstrated to a group of visiting teachers from Lithuania. We are hoping for them to visit the Nursery and Infant school next time.

We would like to congratulate Jethro on his design being the winner chosen for this year's Elliot Colburn MP's Christmas Card Competition. Along with his design being the Christmas card for Elliot Colburn MP, Jethro will be present to switch on the Christmas lights at Wallington Hall tonight at 7pm.



Spirituality

St Mary's is known for our blue uniform, but this week there were flashes of red around the school. Adults and children could wear an item of red clothing for **Red Wednesday**. This day, organised by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), was a day to take action, pray and learn about those who are persecuted for their faith. Did you know that those found in possession of a Bible in North Korea could be jailed for their beliefs? Christians suffer persecution - from harassment to murder- in more countries than any other faith group. (Pew Research Centre). Year 5 also took action and supported ACN's campaign to **#GO2MASS** for someone who cannot by going to Mass at Holy Cross on Red Wednesday, for someone in Ukraine.

Operation Elf is another hugely popular campaign, this time organised by Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust). Thank you so much for your support. Watch out for the winning children carrying their chocolate - they have been told not to eat it until you have said they may! The grand total of money raised at the Junior School was £393.23. This will be used to buy 26 gift cards which prisoners will be able to give to their children this Christmas. At the Infant School, the total money raised was £120; this will also be used to purchase gift cards for the prisoners to give to their children. This really is living out our faith and belief that everyone is special and is made in the image of God. Thank you.

Table Talks Topics - Would you rather have wings or four legs?

News for the week

Recognition & Reward

Infant - Stars of the week

1 Robin	Arabella
1 Sparrow	George
1 Wren	Yris
2 Heron	James
2 Jay	Jasio
2 Woodpecker	Yura

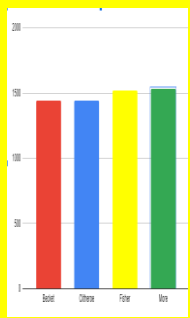
Junior - Housepoints

4th is
Becket with
1441

3rd is
Clitheroe
with 1443

2nd is Fisher
with 1522

1st is More
with 1533



'Star Writer' Award

3 Willow	Xenia
3 Mulberry	Salome
3 Hawthorn	Olivia
4 Poplar	Charlene
4 Ash	Aariel
4 Rowan	Gabriel
5 Elm	Sean
5 Sycamore	Elodie
5 Birch	Keeva
6 Copper Beech	Alessia
6 Oak	Micah
6 Chestnut	Nadia

Reminder - Nursery last day of term

Nursery's last day of term is Thursday 15th December 2022

Reception Class Nativities

These will be presented in the school hall, entry via gate 4. We are inviting up to 3 family members (including children) for each pupil in the school hall per class presentation.

Please note that we ask adults not to enter school with hot drinks at any time

Nursery / Reception / Year 3 (junior)

Applications 2023 - 2024

A reminder all applications (Sutton School Admissions & the St. Mary's Supplementary Form) for 2023 - 2024 need to be completed by the deadline of 15th January 2023.

Sports News

The Year 6 A Netball team took part in a match against All Saints on Wednesday evening. The girls played fantastically and worked so well together as a team. They were 6-0 up at half time, so took the opportunity to play out of position and experience another side to the game. We discovered some excellent shooters and managed to win the game 9-0! A huge well done.

Unfortunately, our B team were due to play their first game, but due to illness in the opposing time, were not able to. As a result, the B and C team played a brilliant game against one another. A great warm up for the B team game against Stanley Park next week!

Y5 played in a Gaelic Football 'Blitz' (festival) on Wednesday. 18 pupils from Y5, across two teams, represented the school to play against a strong St. Pete and St. Paul's side at Mitcham Rugby Club. All the children have had some Gaelic Football training in school delivered by the London GAA and the Blitz was the culmination of what they have learned. Their determination was fierce and their enthusiasm and sportsmanship were top class especially when at the end they had to play against each other!! Fantastic achievement, we were so proud of you all! We hope that, going forward, those new to the sport might take it up when the season starts again the new year.



Parliament Week

Last week was Parliament week and our school councillors led us through a class debate. The councillors became the speakers and our classrooms became the House of Commons. We debated a wide range of topics, from 'Are Premier League football players paid too much?' to 'Should we all be driving electric cars?' A big well done to all the school councillors who took on this role so well and very much enjoyed keeping the order!